takes place 5 p.m. today in Washington Circle.

# **COMMENTARY**

### LEAD BY EXAMPLE

# Strong, positive leaders engage Airmen

By Col. Jason Beck

51st Security Forces Squadron commander

The stripes, bars, oak leaves, eagles and stars on our uniforms tell the world that we are leaders. Strong, positive leadership is crucial in today's ever changing Air Force and the rank on our uniform illustrates visible symbols of our leadership authority that the Air Force has placed on us. But being a leader consists of much more than the rank that you wear on your uniform. I have been fortunate in my career to be surrounded by phenomenal leaders. The lessons I learned from them helped me develop into the officer I am today. I pass these "essentials" of leadership on to you in the hopes that they help you as much as they have helped me.

Remember, you are a leader 24/7, in and out of uniform, on and off base – not just when it is convenient for you. When your Airmen are working hard, don't spare yourself, do the same and set the example. Leadership by example isn't something you can delegate. You must demonstrate it daily. Clock watching shouldn't happen, especially in today's "do more with less," resource-constrained environment.

As a leader, it's your responsibility to create an atmosphere of mutual trust and confidence in your unit. While being honest with others is paramount, you also have an obligation to be honest with yourself. Don't do things just to make yourself look good in front of the boss. If this is your idea of being a good leader, you've lost before you've even started.

It's imperative we leaders get actively involved in the lives of our Airmen. Demonstrate through actions, not words, that you care about your Airmen and about the conditions they live and work in. Always accept total responsibility for

Set standards high and insist everyone else measure up. Haircuts, uniform wear, basic customs and courtesies; these may not be at the top of your priority list as a leader, but if these small details start falling off in your organization, it won't be long before things such as discipline and job performance begin to suffer.

any organizational failures and remember, leaders fix mistakes and never blame others.

Organizations achieve success by having responsible "doers," not dreamers. Large projects and meaningful achievements are accomplished by brave Airmen in the trenches, not by those who watch from a distance; not by the fans in the stands but by the focused, committed players and coaches on the field; not by those leaders who stay in the middle of the road where things are safe but by those leaders who get off the fence of indecision, even though their decisions are sometimes unpopular. Be a leader and take the decisive action needed; earn your rank every day.

Set standards high and insist everyone else measure up. Haircuts, uniform wear, basic customs and courtesies; these may not be at the top of your priority list as a leader, but if these small details start falling off in your organization, it won't be long before things such as discipline and job performance begin to suffer. Ensure you work hard for your subordinates – they deserve the best and count on you to set the right tone in your unit.

Communicate with your Airmen daily. Be able to articulate how the role of each Airman contributes to the unit's mission and how that mission fits into the role of the wing. Know your role and ensure your Airmen are intimately familiar with theirs. Communicate with your Airmen in their work centers, not yours, make yourself available and take the message to them. As hard as it can be, always take the time to leave your desk and make yourself visible in their work areas to demonstrate genuine concern for what your Airmen are doing and thinking. Listen. Airmen are full of great ideas, but they won't see the light of day if a positive communication climate is not established and fostered.

Above all, be honest with your subordinates and superiors. Tell it like it is and insist that your Airmen do the same. There are few things that can be more disastrous to the dynamics of an organization than "yes" people, halftruths and a lack of integrity.

I sincerely hope that you've had the good fortune to be surrounded by great leaders in your career like I have. There are as many principles of good leadership as there are people who serve as leaders. However, that doesn't diminish the importance of strong, positive, engaged leadership.

As a leader, it is imperative you select and carry out the principles that work the best for you and your Airmen.

### ON THE COVER

Senior Airman Isaias De Leon, 902nd Security Forces Squadron, donates money to Operation Warmheart Tuesday at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Exchange. Operation Warmheart supplies food to military families in need during the holiday season. *Photo by Rich McFadden* 

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Security forces report decline in shoplifting during third quarter

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

The number of shoplifters apprehended at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph plunged to a two-year low in the third quarter of 2012, a decline attributed to a shoplifting prevention campaign implemented this spring by the 902nd Security Forces Squadron.

The four shoplifters apprehended from July-September offered a sharp contrast to the first quarter, when 16 apprehensions were documented, and the third quarter of 2011, when 15 shoplifters were caught.

"Our shoplifting prevention campaign has been a success so far," Staff Sgt. Eric Simmons, 902nd SFS police services NCO in charge, said. "There's more awareness out there now."

The 902nd SFS began the campaign not long after shop-lifting apprehensions spiked in this year's first quarter, more than doubling the number in the first three months of 2011. The first steps taken included an increase in random patrols at the Exchange, where most shoplifting at Randolph takes place, and the circulation of fliers that display the shoplifting rate in each quarter since the beginning of 2011 and a message to potential shoplifters that they "are being watched."

The campaign will soon include the placement of 10 life-sized cut-out posters and eight smaller wall posters

in areas of the Exchange prone to shoplifting, including the power zone and clothing and cosmetics sections. The life-sized posters will show staged apprehensions with slogans designed to deter shoplifters, such as "Shoplifting Can Be Very Embarrassing."

The decline in shoplifting activity has carried over to the fourth quarter of this year, with only four apprehensions recorded since the beginning of October, he said.

Simmons is also optimistic about the holiday season.

"My prediction is that shoplifting will decrease during the holidays," he said.

Simmons said a recently implemented policy should also

downtown San Antonio.

"Now they have to show up in civilian court and be subject to fines and other court actions." he said.

deter shoplifters at Randolph. Shoplifters are subject to a

mandatory court appearance at the magistrate's court in

Shoplifters are still subject to revocation of base privileges, Simmons said. Those without a Department of Defense affiliation are banned from all JBSA installations for two years, while those with a DoD affiliation are banned for one year if the amount stolen is greater than

\$100 and a six-month revocation of Army and Air Force Exchange Service or Defense Commissary Agency facility privileges if the amount stolen is less than \$100.



# Randolph band, choir concerts to celebrate holiday

Photo illustration by Maggie Armstrong

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

A long-standing tradition will continue in December for Randolph Field Independent School District's music makers.

Randolph Middle School and Randolph High School band members will fill the Taj Mahal theater with the sounds of the season at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 7 for their annual winter concert, while choir members from grades 6-12 will lift their voices in song at 6 p.m. Dec. 20 in the district's fine arts center.

"We've always had a winter concert," Hector Perez, Randolph High School Band director, said. "It's an opportunity to show off the skills of the kids and to present something on base to celebrate the season."

For the second year in a row, the bands will perform in the Taj theater.

"It's a lot nicer because the kids get to perform in an auditorium setting," Perez said. "Before, the winter concert was performed in the gym. So it's a big deal for the kids."

The concert is also a family affair, he said. The audience includes the band members' families and extended families, as well as former band members.

"It's all about the families," Perez said. "Some people even fly in for the concert."

The event will kick off with three songs by sixth-graders and three by seventh- and eighth-grade musicians. Selections will include "Jingle Bells," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and "The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)."

Steve Giovanoni, Randolph Middle School Band director, said the sixth-grade members' performance will be their first in public.

"But they'll be just fine," he said. "It will be exciting for them."

Giovanoni said it's "rewarding to see the students' growth" as they perform in public.

The Ro-Hawk high school band, which recently earned its 19th consecutive superior rating in University Interscholastic League competition, will begin its performance at 7:30 p.m. with an audience sing-along featuring "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Silver Bells," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

They will also perform "A Christmas Selection" and four movements from "The Nutcracker" Suite before concluding the concert with "Auld Lang Syne."

Joyce Sullivan, the district's choir director, said their winter concert will start with three songs each by sixth-and seventh-grade members, including "Let It Snow," "Beboppin' Santa Claus" and "O Holy Night."

Choir members in grades 8-12 will perform "The



Wassail Song," "Sleigh Ride" and "Fum, Fum, Fum" and will be joined by sixth- and seventh-graders for a three-song finale.

Sullivan said the winter concert "seems to be the most enjoyable concert for everybody because it's a celebration of the season.

"It seems to bring a twinkle to everyone's eyes," she said. "There is something about Christmas music that lifts our spirits."

# **NEWS**

# Multifunctional center reopens at JBSA-Randolph

By Alex Salinas

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

After more than a year of renovations, Bldg. 975 will officially reopen as the Religious Activities Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph during the first week of December, with a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for 10 a.m. Dec. 21, Randolph chapel center staff said.

Renovations to the RAC began a year ago and included the removal of pews and the addition of stackable chairs; a kitchen; chandeliers; audio and visual electronic components; a patio extension; and new heating, ventilating and air conditioning adding up to \$1.9 million in cost.

The building's reopening will be an important addition to the covmmunity considering its debut in 1955, Chaplain (Maj.) Martin Booth, deputy joint base installation chaplain, said.

"Building 975 was originally Chapel Two, but was redesignated as the RAC the last five years," he said. "That redesignation allows all of Randolph to use the RAC for retirements, changes of commands, promotions, etc."

During the remodeling project, the RAC was originally designed to become the Airmen's Ministry Center. However, that



plan was not sustainable and thus, the RAC was remodeled to better accommodate community events and worship services, Booth said.

Worship services are every Sunday, with Catholic Mass starting at 8:30 a.m. and contemporary Protestant services starting at 11 a.m.

The RAC will become a resource in the form of open space for chapel programs, base organizations and events such as retirements.

"Now that we're Joint Base San Antonio, we're a lot bigger in terms of operations and people," Master Sgt. Jennifer Roth, Randolph superintendent of chapel operations, said. "The RAC should free up a lot of space issues for multiple functions."

During the renovation process, Booth said Protestant services were held at the Randolph Theater, which lasted for a year and a half, or about 75 services that required people to move equipment inside and out of the theater each time.

"A lot of volunteers stepped up to the plate," Booth said. "I applaud everyone involved; Randolph has been very patient, and I'm happy to see we finally have a home on base for more worship services."



Photo by Benjamin Faske

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Religious Activities Center will officially reopen next week with a ribbon-cutting ceremony after more than a year of renovations.

The RAC has a seating capacity for about 275 people. Functions will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The building will operate 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For reservation information, call the chapel center at 652-6121.





From left: Bella Nowland, Brooke Lamantia, Hannah Gould and Lauren Schwehm, Randolph Middle School students, sort donated food for delivery to the Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program in Schertz. The Randolph Middle School National Junior Honor Society conducted the food drive and collected more than 500 cans of food for RACAP. The students dressed up on Halloween and trick-or-treated at Randolph for canned foods. The students also volunteered to sort the food and deliver it to RACAP in time for the holidays.

Courtesy photo

# Tour of Homes brings holiday cheer to JBSA-Randolph

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

An annual event that brings holiday cheer to Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph while supporting a special group of families is set for next week.

The seventh annual Holiday Tour of Homes, which benefits the Airman and Family Readiness Center's Warrior Family Fund, will be held from noon-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday.

"There will be 10 different historic homes at Randolph on display," Kristine Goodfellow, event spokeswoman, said. "People who take the tour will be able to see them decorated to the hilt for the holidays."

Sponsored by the Randolph Community Spouses and the 12th Flying Training Wing Spouses, the tour, which is open to any Department of Defense ID card holder, benefits three programs that are part of the Warrior Family Fund – Key Spouse, Hearts Apart and Heart Link, Goodfellow said.

Two of the programs support spouses and families experiencing separation due to deployment, remote assignment or extended TDY.

Key Spouses are trained volunteers who provide families of deployed service members with information from their squadron's leadership about events, programs and other available resources, while Hearts Apart gives families of deployed members a social setting, typically a dinner or other activity, that allows them to bond and build friendships. Heart Link orients spouses new to Randolph to the installation's services and programs and gives them a chance to meet new people.

"The purpose of the Warrior Family Fund is to help fund programs that support

families of deployed Airmen," Goodfellow said. "It's particularly hard to be without your spouse at Christmas, so we want to help these programs continue to support the families."

Tickets payable by check are available 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through Monday at the Hunt Housing Office, Bldg. 133, and tickets payable by check or cash can be obtained 9 a.m.-5 p.m. through

Monday at Randolph's Information, Tickets and Tours. On the day of the event, tickets are available at the Parr Club deck. Suggested "early bird" donations are \$15, while suggested donations on the day of the tour are \$20.

Participants will receive a wristband and a map that shows a recommended path to tour the homes. Cookies, cocoa and cider will be served on the Parr Club deck during the tour.

Donations have risen steadily in the last three years, from \$600 in 2009 to \$1,400 in 2010 and \$1,675 in 2011, Goodfellow said.

"We're pleased with the support we've received," she said.
Goodfellow said the programs supported by the tour are important to the families of their deployed loved ones because they show the support of the Randolph community and bring them together with people who are experiencing the same emotions and facing the same

challenges.
"It's much harder when you're all alone," she said. "We don't want

"It's much harder when you're all alone," she said. "We don't want them to be isolated."

For more information, call Goodfellow at 314-6251 or Cindy Gifford at 334-0304.



## Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph NEWS BRIEFS

#### Tree lighting

The 2012 Randolph Tree Lighting Ceremony takes place 5 p.m. today in Washington Circle. Santa Claus, children's activities, singing by the Randolph Elementary School choir, refreshments and more will be available for participants.

#### **Band of the West concerts**

The United States Air Force Band of the West presents its "Holiday in Blue" concert 7 p.m. Dec. 7 and 3 p.m. Dec. 8-9 at the Edgewood Independent School District Theater of Performing Arts, 607 S.W. 34th Street, San Antonio, Texas, 78237. For free tickets, visit www.bandofthewest.af.mil.

#### Victim, community advocate training

A 40-hour JBSA Sexual Assault Prevention and Response victim and community advocate training class is scheduled 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Dec. 7. For more info, contact the SAPR officer at your JBSA location.

- JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Maj. Dan Katka, 808-6316/0110, daniel.r.katka.mil@mail.mil
- JBSA-Lackland, Bill Hall, 671-7273, william. hall.6@us.af.mil
- JBSA-Randolph, Jackie Shiflet, 652-8787, jacqueline.shiflet@us.af.mil.

#### Street closure

I Street Center, from 1st Street West to 1st Street East, will be closed for construction through Feb. 8, but parking lots will be open. Please obey traffic control measures. For more info, contact Peggy Knox at 652-1249 or peggy.knox@us.af.mil.

#### Santa Lock-up

The 902nd Security Forces Squadron's annual Santa Lock-up is scheduled for 8 a.m.-4 p.m. today. The Santa Lock-up allows Randolph members to request 902nd SFS Santa Lock-up staff to "arrest" a co-worker or friend and to detain that individual at the Santa Lock-up facility, Bldg. 205. For more info, call 652-5700.

#### Office closure

The 902nd Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Asset Management Office is closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

#### Military Child of the Year

Military Child of the Year nominations, from all branches of service, are being accepted online through Dec. 15 at www.MilitaryChildOfTheYear. org. Winners will receive \$5,000 and a laptop, and are flown with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., for a recognition ceremony April 11.

#### Kids get artsy at craftapalooza

Randolph Youth Programs hosts Winter Craftapalooza 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 8 for youth ages 5 and older. Participants will also be able to wrap their gifts. For details, call 652-3298.

#### Youth invited to winter ball

Randolph Youth Programs hosts a Winter Ball 6-9 p.m. Dec. 14. This event is for youth, ages 9-12 years old and costs \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. Light snacks will be provided. For details, call 652-3298.

#### Craft time offered for young readers

The Randolph Library hosts a Young Readers Craft Time 3:40 p.m. Dec. 13. Patrons can view new juvenile and young adult books, provide suggestions and create a bracelet, necklace or key chain (one per person). For more information, call 652-2617.

#### Submitting briefs

To submit a brief for publication in the Wingspread, email all information to Randolphpublic affairs@us.af.mil. The deadline is Wednesday, the week prior to publication.

## Randolph Chapel Schedule

# CATHOLIC Monday-Friday

11:30 a.m. - Chapel 1 **Saturday**5:30 p.m. - Chapel 1

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - Bldg. 975 11:30 a.m. - Chapel 1

Confession Saturday

4:30-5 p.m. - Chapel 1

### • PROTESTANT

Traditional Sunday Service

8:15 a.m. - Chapel 1
Contemporary
Sunday Service

11 a.m. - Bldg. 975

# SPORTS - HEALTH - FITNESS

# **Basketball begins at Rambler Fitness Center**

**By Alex Salinas** Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

For everyone at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph with a Department of Defense ID card who is at least 18 years old, it's time to lace up the sneakers; the 2012-2013 intramural basketball season begins Dec. 4 with preseason action.

The season will run until late March, allowing teams to play 15-20 games, plus playoff games, and a chance to compete in the JBSA intramural basketball tournament after the local season ends.

Ten teams competed in last year's season and even more teams are expected to sign up this season, Rikk Prado, 902nd Force Support Squadron Rambler Fitness Center sports manager, said.

With more teams, the potential for increased competition is present.

"I had a huge turnout for tryouts to the Randolph varsity team (separate from Randolph's high school team)," Prado said. "That lets me know there were more players competing for limited spots, so we have higher quality players all around on base.

"This isn't a league where you go out to try and get exercise; it gets very competitive."

Practicing with your team as much as possible

before and during the season may be the difference between staying safe and getting hurt, Prado said.

Take it from Airman 1st Class Walter Messer, Air Force Personnel Center management level review specialist, whose team went 14-1 last year to win the Randolph championship.

"Getting practice in and figuring out who your starters will be is very important," he said. "It's all about developing team chemistry early."

Messer's team advanced to the JBSA tournament but lost in the first round.

"The competition can get pretty brutal (at the next level)," Messer added.

Part of building chemistry requires team members to play together for an extended amount of time, which "doesn't always happen when military members are tasked to deploy," Prado said.

To fill that void, family members of ID cardholders are eligible to play on a team, as long as their sponsor has a basketball team assembled.

"If a player you want doesn't work for you and doesn't have a DoD card, run them by me first," Prado said.

The games, which will be played in 18-minute halves and officiated using NCAA rules, are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6 p.m. at the Rambler Fitness Center.

To sign up or for more information, call Prado at 652-2955.

# Rambler Fitness Center group exercise class schedule — December 2012

MONDAY **TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY** 9 a.m. - Step 9 a.m. - Yoga 9 a.m. - Step 9 a.m. - Step/Weights 9 a.m. - Step 9 a.m. - Kickboxing 9 a.m. - Pilates 10:05 a.m. - Strength 10 a.m. - Senior Strength 10 a.m. - Yoga 9 a.m. - Yoga 10:15 a.m. - Cardiofusion 11 a.m. - Step 11 a.m. - Step 11 a.m. - Step 10 a.m. - Senior Strength 11:15 a.m. - Cycling 10:15 a.m. - Zumba 11:15 a.m. - Cycling 11 a.m. - Sets/Reps 11:15 a.m. - Cycling 5 p.m. - Zumba 5:30 p.m. - Yoga 5 p.m. - Step 6 p.m. - Kickboxing 5 p.m. - Zumba 5 p.m. - Zumba **SUNDAY** 5:15 p.m. - Cycling 5:15 p.m. - Cycling 6 p.m. - Kickboxing 1 p.m. - Yoga 6 p.m. - Yoga 6 p.m. - Pilates

\$3 per class, schedule subject to change. For details on class passes or holiday class schedules, call the Rambler Fitness Center at 652-2955.

Equipment orientation available upon request for all patrons.

The Rambler Fitness Center Holiday Hours

Dec. 24, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. ~ Dec. 25, CLOSED ~ Dec. 31, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Sports BRIEFS

#### 10-mile bike ride

The Rambler Fitness Center is hosting a 10-mile holiday bike ride 8 a.m. Saturday at Eberle Park. This event is sponsored by the Randolph Family Housing Office. For more information, call 652-7263.

#### Indoor marathon

The Rambler Fitness Center is hosting an indoor marathon, where participants complete 26.2 miles running or walking within one week, Dec. 10-14. Participants may pick up their cards to log their mileage at the front desk. This is a self-monitored program based on the honor system. For more information, call 652-7263.

#### Holiday gift sale

The Randolph Bowling Center Pro Shop is offering 10-25 percent off selected balls, bags and shoes until Dec. 23.

#### **Pro Shop specials**

Randolph Oaks Pro Shop offers gifts for that special golfer. Gift certificates are available. During December customers receive a raffle ticket with the purchase of \$10 in merchandise for a chance to win a set of irons, driver, putter or bag.

#### **Football Frenzy**

The Randolph Kendrick Club offers Football Frenzy every Sunday and Monday during the NFL season, with food specials and prizes. The event is open to all Department of Defense ID card holders, but participants must be a Randolph Club member to win.

Monthly Events

## December

# Service Member and Family Readiness

#### Tips on writing effective resumes

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness holds a Resume Writing Class Dec. 4, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Resume formats, what items to include and how to write cover letters and reference lists will be discussed. To sign up, call 671-3722.

#### Spouses offered orientation

Heart Link, the official Air Force spouse orientation, takes place at Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center Dec. 5, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Spouses new to the military or Lackland are encouraged to attend. A light meal and free childcare are provided. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 671-3722.

#### Deployment support group meets

Hearts Apart, a deployment support group, meets Dec. 5, 4:30 p.m., at Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center. Members meet to socialize, network and receive the latest base community information. To sign up, call 671-3722.

#### Attendees get prepared for job interviews

Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center to hold an Interview Workshop Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-noon. Attendees will learn how to research prospective employers, how to answer questions and how to dress. For details, call 652-5321.

#### New VA claims class held

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness offers Understanding the VA Claims Process class Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-noon. Topics include how the claim process works, electronic benefits, how to fill out claim forms and the power of attorney process. For more information, call 671-3722.

#### Spouses offered reintegration workshop

Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center is offering spouses of returning military members a reintegration workshop Dec. 19, 1-2 p.m. The class will cover resiliency skills and resources. Registration is required. For details, call 652-5321.

#### Airmen provided financial training

The next Financial Readiness class takes place at Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center Dec. 21, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The class helps prepare today's Airmen for financial challenges through financial education and training. Topics include spending plans, goal setting, credit



management, credit reports/scores, financial readiness for deployment and much more. For details, call 652-5321.

#### Playgroup offers interactive fun for mother and child

A playgroup for parents and children up to age 5, Helping Us Growing Securely, meets each Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., at the Middle School Teen Center, Funston Rd., building 2515, on Fort Sam Houston for interactive and fun play. Registration is not required. For more information, call 221-0349.

#### Classes focus on computer skills

Patrons can take advantage of Microsoft Office classes including Word Level 1, Dec. 4, Excel Level 1, Dec. 6, Word Level 2, Dec. 11 and Excel Level 2, Dec. 13. Classes are held at the Roadrunner Community Center, building 2797, 8 a.m.-noon, on Fort Sam Houston. Registration is required. For more information or to sign up, call 221-2518/2705.

#### Citizenship and Immigration Services hosts forum

The monthly U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Forum takes place Dec. 11, noon-2 p.m., at the Roadrunner Community Center, building 2797, on Fort Sam Houston. The forum is an opportunity for service members and their families to ask important questions and speak directly to representatives from USCIS. For more information, call 221-2418.

#### **Arts and Crafts**

#### Make a mini holiday wreath

Lackland Arts and Crafts Center holds a holiday wreath class Dec. 6, 5:30-7 p.m. The class fee is \$8 and all materials will be provided to complete an eight-inch mini wreath. Sign up no later than Dec. 3. For more information, call 671-2515.

#### Learn to etch wine glasses

Lackland Arts and Crafts Center holds a wine glass etching class Dec. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Students will use stencils and etching solution to create a set of holiday wine glasses. The fee is \$8 per person and is open to ages 13-adult. Registration is required by Dec. 6. For details, call 671-2515.

#### Learn to make wine glass charms

A wine glass charm class takes place Dec. 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Lackland Arts and Crafts Center. A variety of beads and other materials will be used to make four charms. The session is open to ages 13-adult and the fee is \$8. Sign up by Dec. 7. For more information, call 671-2515.

### **Bowling Center**

#### The Grinch bowls at Skylark

Lackland Skylark Bowling Center holds the annual Bowl with the Grinch event Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The package price of \$7 per person includes one game, a snack and goody bag. For details, call 671-1234.

#### Skylark offers free winter break passes

Lackland Skylark Bowling Center offers free game passes valid Dec. 17-30. Customers receive one free pass per day at the front counter. For details, call 671-1234.

#### Tune up your bowling game

Randolph Bowling Center hosts a Military Bowling Championship Tune-Up Tournament, Dec. 27, 7 p.m. The tournament is a four-game singles format with handicap and scratch divisions. Cost is \$25 and prizes will be given for first, second and third place winners. For more information, call 652-6271.

#### Pro shop offers holiday gift sale

The Randolph Bowling Center Pro Shop is offering 10 to 25 percent off selected balls, bags and shoes until Dec. 23. For more information, call 652-6271.

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## Bowling livens up the holidays

The Randolph Bowling Center offers discounted bowling Dec. 24-28 (excluding Christmas day), 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The cost is \$2 per game, per person with \$2 shoe rental. For more information, call 652-6271.

#### Bowling Centers offer New Years celebrations

Lackland Skylark Bowling Center hosts a New Year's Eve bowling party Dec. 31, 9 p.m. The package price is \$20.13 per person, which includes bowling, pizza and entertainment. For more information, call 671-1234. Celebrate the end of 2012 at the Randolph Bowling Center, Dec. 31,

8 p.m. There will be three games of Colorama Bowling with cash prizes. The cost is \$30 per person and includes a complimentary glass of Champagne and breakfast afterwards. For more information, call 652-6271.

### Clubs

#### Holiday meals available for take-out

Lackland Gateway Club offers holiday meals for take-out through Dec. 22. Patrons may choose a 9-11 pound turkey or 12-14 pound ham. if they want only the main entrée. Also available is a meal package with the turkey or ham, stuffing, whipped potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce and a choice of pecan or apple pie. Orders must be placed at least two days in advance. The last day to order is Dec. 17. Pick up time is Monday-Friday, 2-6 p.m. For more information, call 645-7035.

#### Bingo members honored at Kendrick Club

The Randolph Kendrick Club hosts a Bingo Appreciation Party, Dec. 27, 5 p.m. There will be a complimentary dinner, which consists of 10-ounce prime rib, two crab legs, baked potato, chef's choice of vegetable and a dessert bar with assorted cheesecakes and pies. Participants must have proof of bingo packages/cards purchased or a ticket to receive the complimentary meal. For more information, call 652-3056.

#### Community center shows NFL Sunday football

NFL Sunday Ticket is showing every week at the Sam Houston Community Center, building 1395 Chaffee Rd. on a choice of several 70-inch flat screen TVs. Game-time beverages, snacks and food are available in the community center at the Java Café. Call 224-2721, for more information.

#### Get your holiday celebration catered

The Sam Houston Community Center and the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club are taking holiday orders for elegant meals to delight families and loved ones. The Sam Houston Community Center will cater to locations and homes on Fort Sam Houston or offer their own facilities with space for 400 guests. The Golf Club can host up to 300 guests and also offers pick-up services. To reserve a holiday party meal today, call 224-2721 or 221-2723 for the Sam Houston Community Center and 221-5675 for the Golf Club.

### Community Programs

#### Tree lighting illuminates holidays

The annual Randolph Holiday Tree Lighting is Nov. 30, 5 p.m., in Washington Circle. It includes holiday treats, children's activities and a visit with Santa. Parking is available in the Commissary, BX and Housing Office parking lots.

#### Theatre hosts Operation Rising Star finals

The twelve finalists selected from military installations worldwide will compete in the 2012 Operation Rising Star Finals Dec. 8, 10, 12, 14 and

15, 7 p.m., at the Army Entertainment Theatre, Admission is free, Patrons and their guests have an opportunity to be part of the live televised audience. Visit www.oprisingstar.com for more information or call 466-2020.

### Harlequin Dinner Theatre presents holiday show

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre presents "In the Mood ... for Christmas" Thursdays-Saturdays through Dec. 22, with dinner at 6:15 p.m. and curtain at 8 p.m. Featuring big band songs and Christmas classics, the ever-popular Harlequin regulars will get the audience in the holiday spirit. For the ticket office, call 222-9694.

#### Holiday gift wrapping fundraiser

Private organizations, unofficial activities and informal groups authorized to operate on Fort Sam Houston can raise funds for their causes while spreading some holiday cheer. The Fort Sam Houston Exchange invites organizations to wrap up some extra funds at the annual community gift wrap program. The program runs through Dec. 24. Organizations are asked to provide their own tape, ribbons, bows and scissors. To sign up, call 221-0010.

#### Fitness and Snorts

#### Holiday 10-mile ride offered for bikers

The Rambler Fitness Center hosts a 10-mile holiday bike ride Dec. 1, 8 a.m., starting at Eberle Park. This event is sponsored by Randolph Family Housing. For more information, call 652-7263.

#### Marathon running goes indoors

The Rambler Fitness Center hosts an indoor marathon, where participants complete 26.2 miles running or walking within one week, Dec. 10-14. Participants may pick up their cards to log their mileage at the front desk. This is a self-monitored program based on the honor system. For more information, call 652-7263.

#### Intramural bowling coaches to meet

Coaches signed up for the Intramural Bowling League will meet Dec. 11, 1 p.m., at the fitness center on the Medical Education Training Campus. The season begins Jan. 7 at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center, building 2521, Schofield Rd. For more information, call 808-5710.

#### Ring in the new year with a run

Runners hoping to get a great start in 2013 are invited to the New Year's Eve 5K Dec. 31, midnight, at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center on Fort Sam Houston. Runners can ring in the new year with healthy beverages and snacks. For more information, call 221-1234.

#### First Friday golf tournament

The monthly Wounded Warriors Four-Person golf tournament, Dec. 7. 12:30 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, 1050 Harry Wurzbach Rd. offers 18 holes and camaraderie for service members, their families and

#### Santa to attend Parr Club brunch

Have brunch with Santa, Dec. 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Randolph Parr Club. Santa will be available for photos, will have candy canes for the children and of course listen intently to their Christmas wishes. The brunch costs only \$19.75 for members or \$21.75 for nonmembers and guests. Everyone is invited to enter for prize drawings. For more information, call 652-4864.

guests. The tournament costs \$35 for nonmembers and \$25 for members. The fee includes dinner and an entry to win prizes at the pro shop. The Golf Club is open daily 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m. The illuminated driving range is open daily 6 a.m.-8 p.m. The Golf Pro Shop is open daily 6:45 a.m.-8 p.m. Mulligan's Snack Bar is open daily 6:45 a.m.-6 p.m. For details, call 222-9386.

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#### Find a bargain at holiday sale

Lackland Gateway Hills Pro Shop holds an annual holiday sale Dec. 15-16. Customers purchasing at least \$50 in merchandise can enter to win free products or up to 50 percent savings toward their purchase. For single purchases of \$150 or more, patrons will have a chance to win additional discounts. For more information, call 671-3466.

#### Gateway Hills hosts turkey shoot

Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course hosts a holiday turkey shoot Dec. 22. Morning tee times are available. The entry fee is \$8. Cart and green fees are not included. For more information, call 671-3466.

#### Pro Shop offers great holiday deals

Randolph Oaks Pro Shop offers fantastic gifts for that special person on anyone's list. Gift certificates are available and also make great gifts for that hard-to-shop-for person. During December customers will receive a raffle ticket with the purchase of \$10 in merchandise for a

December 8, 2012 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Gateway Club, Fiesta Ballroom Adult Members \$6.95 Adult Non-Members \$7.95 Child Members Child Non-Member (ages 5-12) \$5.95 (ages 4 & under) Payment must be made at time of reservation. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Sorry, no coupons please. For more information, call 649-7834 **Breakfast** Breakfast Buffet • Games • Prizes • Small Gift from Santa Featuring DJ Stevie Mac Dance Machine Buffet Bringham Includes: Fluity Scramb ed Eggs, Home Fried Potatoes, Crispy Bacon, Saulising Strike, Syriet Pastrills, Blacules with Surger and Jelly, Assorted Beverages FORCE

information, call 652-4570.

### Information, Tickets and Travel

**WINGSPREAD** 

#### Travel with ITT to the Hill Country

Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel holds a Hill Country Holiday Lighting tour Dec. 8, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Patrons will spend time in Fredericksburg for shopping and dining, in Burnet for the Walk through Bethlehem, in Johnson City for their light show and Marble Falls for the famous Walk of Lights. The price is \$32 per person. Advance reservations are required. For more information, call 671-3133.

#### Casino trip scheduled for January

Travel with Lackland ITT to the Choctaw Casino in Grant, OK. The bus departs Jan. 20, 7 a.m. and returns Jan. 21, 11 p.m. The price is \$87 per person, double occupancy and \$127 per person for single occupancy.

time the clock strikes midnight will have good luck in the new year!

INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM

pers will provide entertainment from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

This one-of-a-kind celebration is \$75 per person for club mem-

cludes an open bar and an all-you-can-eat breakfast served at

he doors open at 7 p.m. in the Sky Lounge and a buffet of

hors d'oeuvres will be served from 7:30-9 p.m. A coffee and

provided by the Mike Ellis Band from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The price for the Sky Lounge package is \$50

for club members or \$60 for nonmembers and also includes a complimentary

glass of flavored champagne at

arrival, cocktails or

beverages of your

the night, cham-

party favors and a

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dessert bar will be offered at 9:30 p.m. Entertainment will be

ons starting Dec. 11. Club members may join us in the aedulian Room on Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon to choose the

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bers or \$85 per person for nonmembers or guests and in-

SKY LOUNGE

Doors in the Ballroom open at 6 p.m, with cocktails and tapas. The

main buffet will be offered from 7-8:30 p.m. and the Texas Chill Pep

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dishes, and Sangria all night. As Spanish tradition, all the guests' glasses will be filled with cava and a dozen grapes. Then as the band starts counting down to midnight everyone will start popping grapes in their mouths—one for each last second of 2012. Everyone who finishes their grapes by the

drawing to possibly win a set of irons, driver, putter or bag. For more

### Great gifts available at ITT

and older. Call 671-3133 to make a reservation.

Randolph ITT in the Community Services Mall, building 895, has great gift options for the holidays. Patrons can choose from IMAX and Regal Theaters, Natural Bridge Caverns, Natural Wildlife Ranch, season passes to their favorite theme park, Entertainment Books, Disney World/Disney Land tickets or even tickets to a Broadway play. They also have gift certificates available in various amounts, redeemable for any service or merchandise offered at ITT. For more information, call 652-5142.

Transportation, entertainment and snacks on the bus, one night hotel stay,

one meal and \$10 in casino cash are included. The trip is open to ages 18

#### Ticket office sells discount tickets

The Ticket Office in the Fort Sam Houston Community Center, building 1395 Chaffee Rd., is selling discount tickets for the winter showings of the Moscow Ballet, Dec. 28, 7 p.m. and Dec. 29, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. In addition, discount tickets are available for the Nutcracker.

Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 22, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 23, 2 p.m. The ticket office also has discount tickets for the San Antonio Spurs, the Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29 and for Disney on Ice "Rockin' Everafter," April 10-14 and. For more information, call 808-1378.

### Library

## Library provides virtual and traditional entertainment

Patrons are welcome to enjoy some virtual fun at Gaming Day Dec. 2, 2:30-5:30 p.m., at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, building 122, Harney Path on Fort Sam

#### Clubs offer New Years celebrations

Lackland Gateway Club offers three options to celebrate New Year's Eve. A party in the Lonestar Lounge takes place 9 p.m.-2 a.m. The package price is \$30 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. Included are light hors d'oeuvres, party favors, Champagne, breakfast and music.

The Fiesta Ballroom package, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., is \$65 for members and \$75 for nonmembers. Included are heavy hors d'oeuvres, dinner, party favors, access to the Lonestar Lounge, Champagne, beverages throughout the night, breakfast and live music by The Show band.

For patrons who prefer a quiet dinner, the Mesquite dining room will serve 6-9 p.m. A choice of beef tenderloin, salmon filet or chicken Wellington is available. Meals are accompanied by side dishes, a glass of house wine and dessert. The price is \$24.95 for members and \$26.95 for

Reservations are required for all three events. Tickets are on sale in the cashier's cage. Events are open to ages 18 and older. For more information, call 645-7034.

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Ring in the new year at the Randolph Kendrick Club, Dec. 31, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., in the Nite Club. Enjoy Champagne, party favors and breakfast at midnight for \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. For more information, call 652-3056.

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Houston. The library offers X-Box 360, PS3 and Wii, along with a host of old-fashioned board games. For more information, call 221-4702.

#### Library hosts special pajama story time

The Lackland Library hosts a pajama story time Dec. 8, 3:30-5 p.m. Featured are a special reading of the book "Polar Express," hot chocolate, Christmas caroling, cookie decorating and a surprise. For more information, call 671-3610.

#### Craft time offered for young readers

The Randolph Library hosts a Young Readers Craft Time Dec. 13, 3:40 p.m. Patrons can view new juvenile and young adult books, provide suggestions and create a bracelet, necklace or key chain (one per person). For more information, call 652-2617.

#### Holiday story time features festive books

Books featuring tales of the season will be the centerpiece of the annual Holiday Story Time and Cookies for Troops, Dec. 15, 2-3 p.m. at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, building 122, Harney Path on Fort Sam Houston. For more information, call 221-4702.

#### Youth holiday craft project

The Lackland Library hosts a holiday ornament craft project Dec. 21, 1-6 p.m., for young children. The project can be assembled in the library to display on the facility's tree or it can be taken home. For more information, call 671-3610.

#### Library rolls out e-magazine

Zinio for Libraries is now available to patrons at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, building 122, Harney Path on Fort Sam Houston. Zinio for Libraries provides a quick and easy way for patrons to read digital copies of their favorite magazines through a digital platform that recreates magazines page-for-page, including full-color pictures. Simply by using the code provided by their Air Force library, patrons will be able to read, interact with and explore the largest selection of magazines anywhere. For details, call 221-4702.

#### **Outdoor Recreation**

# Archery deer hunting season continues at Camp Bullis

Archery hunting season for deer is open Friday-Sunday, 5:30 a.m.-dark, at Camp Bullis. Hunters must have preselected permit to

hunt deer. Scouting of preselected hunting areas continues. Hunting will close Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2 for the holiday break. For more information, call 295-7577.

#### Ski boats available at half price

Rent a ski boat for \$20 per hour, \$47.50 for half a day or \$90 all day at JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake during December. The price includes skis and vests but not fuel. Now is your chance to take advantage of a less crowded lake and save money too. Renters must have taken the Boater's Safety Course thru the State of Texas, at Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) Recreation Park at Canyon Lake or Outdoor Recreation in building 895 on Randolph. For

800-280-3466.

# Bunkhouse, bungalow available at half price

more information, call

Rent a bunkhouse for \$12.50 or a bungalow for \$17.50, Monday-Thursday, at JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake during December. Enjoy the cool crisp air at the lake during the day and at night bask in

the warmth of the cozy one-room bunkhouse or bungalow. To make a reservation, call 800-280-3466.

#### Santa suits available for rent

Randolph Outdoor Recreation in the Community Services Mall, building 895, has Santa Claus costumes available for rent for \$25 per day. Reservations must be made in person. For more information, call 652-5242.

Lackland Outdoor Recreation has Santa, Mrs. Claus, elf and Grinch costumes available to rent. For details, call 925-5532.

#### Rent boats at a discount during winter

Lackland Outdoor Recreation offers boat rental discounts during the winter season. Patrons will receive a 25 percent discount through Dec. 31 on ski and pontoon boats. During Jan. 1-Feb. 28, a 50 percent discount is available on all types of boat rentals. For more information, call 925-5532.

### **Youth Programs**

#### Youth play flag football

The Middle School Teen Center hosts the

Army vs Air Force flag football game at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Center football fields, next to building 1630, Dec. 1, 1 p.m. The competition is open to youth in junior high and high school. For more information, call 221-3630.

#### Teen center offers college prep class

Junior high and high school students can get a head start on their higher education plans at a College Prep Class Dec. 6, 5-7 p.m., at the Middle School Teen Center, building 2515, on Fort Sam Houston. For more information, call 221-3630.

#### Teens dance into the holidays

The Middle School Teen Center, building

2515 on Fort Sam Houston will transform for a festive teen dance Dec. 7, 8-11 p.m. The dance is open to junior high and high school students registered with Child, Youth and School Services. For more information, call 221-3630.

# Kids get artsy at craftapalooza

Randolph Youth Pro-

grams hosts Winter Craftapalooza Dec. 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., for youth ages 5 and older. Participants will also be able to wrap their gifts. For details, call 652-3298.

#### Parents get a night off

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Lackland Youth Programs and the Gateway Child Development Center hold two Give Parents a Break/Parents' Night Out events during December. Childcare is available Dec. 8, 1-6 p.m. and Dec. 14, 6:30-11:30 p.m. The fee is \$10 per child at the youth center and \$15 at the child development center. Fees may be waived with a Give Parents a Break referral. Advance registration is required. Call 671-2388 for the youth center and 671-1052 for the CDC.

#### Register for First Steps basketball

Lackland Youth Programs holds First Steps Basketball registration Dec. 10-14 for ages 3-5. This sports program teaches the fundamentals of the game using age-appropriate gross motor movements and parental participation. The fee is \$35. Sessions meet one hour per week for six weeks. A current physical and immunization record are required at the time of registration. For more information, call 671-2388.

#### Lock-in opens up conversation and fun

Junior high and high school students are invited to a lock-in at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Center, building 1630, Dec. 14, 10 p.m.-7 a.m. Students will enjoy, music, food, games and sports. For details, call 221-3630.

#### Bowling party strikes up fun for teens

A bowling party Dec. 14, 8-10 p.m., offers teens a fun and exciting way to pass the time. Youth meet at the Middle School Teen Center, building 2515, before heading over to the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center, building 2521, Schofield Rd., for some food and fun on the lanes. For more information, call 221-3630.

#### Youth invited to winter ball

Randolph Youth Programs hosts a Winter Ball Dec. 14, 6-9 p.m. This event is for youth, ages 9-12 years old, and costs \$2 for members or \$3 for nonmembers. Light snacks will be provided. For details, call 652-3298.

#### Teen center entertains during winter break

Things will stay busy at the Fort Sam Houston Middle School Teen Center, building 2515, during the winter break Dec. 21-Jan 7, 1-7 p.m. Crafts, sports, TV, music and gaming will be in full-swing with open recreation. For more information, call 221-3630.

#### Registration opens for winter camps

Patrons get a holiday break with the Child, Youth and School Services Winter Camp on Fort Sam Houston which runs Dec. 24-Jan. 4, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration is available at Parent Central, building 2797 for youth in grades 1-12. For more information, call 221-4871.

Lackland Youth Programs holds two holiday break camps during the upcoming school vacation. Registration must be completed by Dec. 10 for the Dec. 24-28 session and by Dec. 17 for the Dec. 31-Jan. 4 session. Fees will be assessed on late registration. Camp fees vary based on household income. For more information, call 671-2388.

#### Babysitters receive training

Lackland Youth Programs hosts a Red Cross babysitter's course Dec. 27-28. Open to ages 11-15, students may choose either the 8 a.m.-noon or 1-5 p.m. session. Topics include First Aid, CPR, how to make responsible decisions, basic care such as diapering, feeding and dressing, handling bedtime issues and how to find and interview for babysitting jobs. Upon successful completion, students receive a babysitter's certification. The course fee is \$55. For details, call 671-2388.